I. Cold War I: fighting back

A. J. Edgar Hoover: "What You Can Do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."

B. What you can do: identifying Communists

1. reading material

a. liberal newspapers

b. books: The Complete Works of TJ

2. critical of US policies: foreign and domestic

3. advocate social change: civil rights

4. Beware: could be parents, neighbors, minister, teacher

C. Government search for Commies

1. 13.5 million people face some form of scrutiny 1 in 5

2. Truman 1947 EO9835

a. search for "disloyal Americans"

i. no judge

ii. no jury

iii. secret evidence

iv. secret or paid informers

v. no appeal

v. 500 of "questionable loyalty" out of 6.6 million

b. list of subversive organizations

c. sympathetic association

3. Internal Security Act of 1950

1. identify and register communist organizations that were security threats

b. Detention Camp Bill incl in ISA

i. FBI investigated thousands and had a Security Index

ii. 15,000 names of people to be rounded up in emergency

Steinbeck, Hemingway, Dos Passos, Sinclair Lewis, Pearl

Buck -- advocated quality of the races

4. Loyalty boards, security checks, loyalty oaths,

a. Robert Oppenheimer, the head of the Manhattan Project, he was

against the development of the hydrogen bomb

b. head of one loyalty board: "the fact that a person believes in racial equality doesn't prove he's a Communist, but it certainly makes you look twice, doesn't it"?

5. HUAC 1947

a. Communist influence in the film industry

i. friendly witnesses: Walt Disney, Ronald

Reagan, John Wayne (Motion Picture Alliance

For the Preservation of American Values)

b. Two choices:

i. repent and name names

ii. "blacklist"

iii. contempt

D. But McCarthy, the junior Senator from Wisconsin, and his hearings the most

visible

1. Feb 9, 1950 Pep Women's Club of Wheeling, W.Va

I have in my hand a list of 200 people who work

in the State Dept who are Communists

2. Press reported faithfully accusations, whether gossip,

hearsay, innuendo, guilt by association, went on for

four years

3. One person, Alger Hiss, perjury, however typical

example, John Service who worked for the State Dept,

made the mistake of saying "Mao was not a threat to the

U.S."

a. Mc - that makes him a Red, no proof, did you talk to so

and so at such and such a party, what did you talk about what do

you read? what music do you listen to?

b. Didn't prove anything, wasn't convicted of anything, career ruined, couldn't rent an apartment, couldn't get insurance

E. FBI

1. Groucho Marx's file: sixteen pages withheld on the grounds of national

security still

a. number 3 rated show in 1953

b. viewer to FBI: made auto industry look silly

c. his real name was Julius Marx

d. never associated with CP but with civil rights

2. John Lennon

F. COINTELPRO 1956-71

1. 1971 Citizens Committee to Investigate the FBI

a. stole documents from FBI office in PA

b. revealed COINTELPROs real purpose

c. supposedly to survey enemy agents

d. target groups that advocated social change

2. Congressional hearings on FBI and CIA 1975

a. real goal: expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit,

or otherwise neutralize

b. social movements

i. civil rights groups

ii. anti-war

iii. AIM

iv. UFW

3. method

b. infiltration

i. attend and disrupt meetings

ii. advocate unlawful and/or violent action

iii. cause friction within group

c. Psychological warfare or “dirty tricks”

i. plant false media stories

ii. print bogus leaflets and articles under the

groups name

iii. forge correspondence, write anonymous letters, make anonymous phone calls

iv. misinformation about meetings and events

d. Harassment through the legal system

i. perjured testimony

ii. fabricated evidence

iii. wrongful imprisonment

iv. grand jury subpoenas

e. Extra-legal force and violence

i. break-ins

ii. vandalism

ii. assaults and beatings

iv. political assassinations

v. resources, information to KKK